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HAVING A LOW CRITICAL SOLUBILITY TEMPERATURE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read: HEAT THICKENING COMPOSITION FOR COATING SLIPS BASED ON A COPOLYMER HAVING A LOW CRITICAL SOLUBILITY TEMPERATURE